

Subject: R: R: R: Common room  
Date: Wed, 3 Jun 2009 13:58:41 +0100  
From: tutor.politicalphilo@conted.ox.ac.uk  
To: kgalalae@hotmail.com

Kevin,

I will ignore what is in the P.S. and simply point out one thing to you. This whole issue is unpleasant enough for everybody. I am trying to learn a lesson from the mistakes that I have made. I think you should better drop the explanation that you have spoken some inconvenient truth, exposed people's hidden motives and demonstrated your intellectual superiority and that has generated mean feelings against you. I don't think this was the case. Two things have not been accepted. One is your habit of attacking some of the ideas that you oppose not on their own merit, but by suggesting that they spring from ignoble motives. (The implication of this attitude is that who disagrees is not simply wrong, but evil. I hope you see this is the attitude of all religious fanatics and political repressive regimes). When you do that to dead philosophers it is a lack of charity, but when you do that with your fellow students this becomes a personal attack from a stranger and how can you fail to see that nobody accepts to have one's own integrity questioned by a stranger? The second is that you have subtly tried to force other students to discuss and consider your ideas. I have been stupid in not realizing it earlier, but it became apparent in the direct democracy forum. You have tried to turn the course into a tribune to express your ideas.

These problems could have been discussed and solved in the common room discussion, but things took another turn that made it impossible to fix the problems.

And this is my last comment on the whole issue.

Regards

Giovanni

RE: R: R: R: Common room

Von: **kevin galalae** (kgalalae@hotmail.com)  
Gesendet: Mittwoch, 3. Juni 2009 15:48:13  
An: Giovanni de Grandis (tutor.politicalphilo@conted.ox.ac.uk)  
Giovanni,

You have misrepresented the intentions and content of my postings. I have never suggested that ideas spring from ignoble motives without proving it. Furthermore, what I have always tried (and obviously succeeded too well) is to show how holding certain ideas leads to immoral acts or is used to justify injustice and inequality. If you go back to my posts and read them without being blinded by anger, the evidence will speak for itself. Your accusation that I attack dead philosophers and living people is absurd. What I have attacked is the flaws in their theories, which is what political philosophy is supposed to do, were it not for the deep-rooted hypocrisy that permeates every aspect of capitalist societies

and of the "education" system in capitalist societies. And that is exactly what you and some of the students could not take. In eliciting the kind of anger that I did, I have brought to the surface deep-seated prejudices and in being kicked off the course I have demonstrated that although the West and by extension Oxford boast to encourage free debate and free speech, it only does so as long as one does not rock the foundation of the power structure and the cosy arrangements between the established elements of society.

Your accusation that I tried to turn the course into a tribune of my ideas and that I have forced others to discuss my ideas is once again laden with blinding hatred and a total lack of honesty. How can I possibly force anyone to do such thing when this is a virtual course? It is the force of my ideas that people have found irresistible to engage, like it or not. And if we cannot discuss our political ideas in a political philosophy course then what good is such a course for? A cash cow for the university? A sham attempt to show the world that Oxford is in step with the times? Are you suggesting that in such a course one ought to dilute one's ideas so as to blend in and stroke the sensibilities of the many? How poorly this reflects on the university and on you!

I take your reluctance to answer my questions as a no. I point out that I am entitled to know how such a process will unfold. I also point out that in withholding our correspondence from the decision makers you will have aided and abated in the miscarriage of justice. And I promise you that this will come back to haunt you.

Sincerely,

Kevin Galalae

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## R: Disclosing the truth

Von:

**tutor.politicalphilo** (tutor.politicalphilo@conted.ox.ac.uk)

Gesendet: Mittwoch, 3. Juni 2009 15:09:47

An: kevin galalae (kgalalae@hotmail.com)

I have not as much experience as you in such issues, but nobody has silenced your political opinions, which are well visible in the forums and that you can express freely in several other ways.

Giovanni